

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EFIN, IT  
SUBJECT: FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONTROLS EASED TO FACILITATE ITALIAN  
FIRMS' CONTRACTING ABROAD

BRUSSELS FOR USEC; PARIS FOR USOECD; PASS COMMERCE  
DEPARTMENT AND EXIMBANK

1. ACCORDING TO ITALIAN EXCHANGE OFFICE CIRCULAR A-361  
OF AUGUST 11, 1977, ITALIAN BANKS MAY HENCEFORTH ISSUE  
GUARANTEES OF BID BONDS, PERFORMANCE BONDS, AND ADVANCE  
PAYMENT BONDS OF ITALIAN FIRMS ENGAGED IN SELLING GOODS  
AND SERVICES ABROAD EVEN BEFORE THE FIRMS IN QUESTION  
HAVE OBTAINED THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE AUTHORIZATIONS THAT MAY  
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BE REQUIRED FOR THE UNDERLYING OPERATIONS. THE PROMPT GRANTING  
OF THE BANK GUARANTEES IS SUBJECT TO ONLY CERTAIN CONDITIONS  
AIMED MAINLY AT PREVENTING ITALIAN FIRMS FROM ILLEGALLY EXPORTING  
OR KEEPING ASSETS ABROAD.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE NEW MEASURE IS TO IMPROVE THE  
COMPETITIVENESS OF ITALIAN FIRMS ENGAGED IN LARGE SCALE

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ABROAD. IT SEEMS THAT THE STRICT  
ENFORCEMENT OF CONTROLS ON TRANSFER ABROAD OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE  
HAS RESULTED IN SOME DELAYS IN GRANTING THE REQUIRED  
AUTHORIZATIONS AND THAT ITALIAN FIRMS SUFFERED SIGNIFICANT  
LOSSES OF FOREIGN CONTRACTS, PARTICULARLY, ACCORDING ITALIAN  
PRESS STORIES, IN SAUDI ARABIA, BECAUSE OF THESE DELAYS. HOLMES

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